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FOR PROCESSING AND TREATING A
BIOLOGICAL FLUID

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SUPPLEMENT TO AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action of January 12, 2001,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 5 without prejudice.

REMARKS

This is in further response to the Office Action of January 12,
2001. In that Office Action, Claim 5 was rejected under 35 USC
§112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to
particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

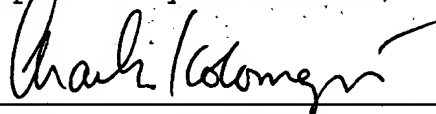
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Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the term "said markable tabs" lacked antecedent basis. By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claim 5 without prejudice.

Applicants also understand that newly presented Claims 12-26 have been renumbered as Claims 24-38 respectively.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to supplement the Amendment filed on May 14, 2001. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending Claims 1-11 and 24-38 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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